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Opposition No. 91265013

*Guangzhou Huanmao Business Service Co.,  
Ltd.*

*v.*

*Bigo Technology Pte. Ltd. and LIKEME PTE.  
LTD. (joined after assignment)*

**Jennifer L. Elgin, Interlocutory Attorney:**

**I. Joinder of LIKEME PTE. LTD.**

A review of the record of subject Application Serial No. 88432124 reveals that the mark was assigned from Bigo Technology Pte. Ltd. to LIKEME PTE. LTD. on April 16, 2021. The assignment was recorded by the Assignment Division of the UPSTO on May 24, 2021 at Reel/Frame 7303/0770.

When there has been an assignment of a mark that is the subject of, or relied upon in, an inter partes proceeding before the Board, the assignee may be joined or substituted, as may be appropriate. *See W. WorldWide Enters. Grp. Inc. v. Qinqdao Brewery*, 17 USPQ2d 1137, 1138 n.4 (TTAB 1990); *see also* TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD MANUAL OF PROCEDURE (TBMP) § 512.01 (June 2021). The assignee may be substituted as a party if the assignment occurred prior to the commencement

of the proceeding, the assignor is no longer in existence, the adverse party raises no objections to substitution, or the discovery and testimony periods have closed. Otherwise, the assignee will be joined to facilitate discovery. Trademark Rules 2.113(c)(1), (d), 3.71(d) and 3.73(b), 37 C.F.R. §§ 2.113(c)(1), (d), 3.71(d), and 3.73(b); Fed. R. Civ. P. 17 and 25. *See also* TBMP § 512.01 and cases cited in n.10.

Because the assignment of Applicant's subject application occurred after the commencement of this proceeding, LIKEME PTE. LTD. is joined as a party-defendant. The Board's records and caption of this proceeding have been updated accordingly.

## **II. Suspension for Pending Motion**

On February 20, 2022, Opposer filed a motion for summary judgment. The motion is timely pursuant to Trademark Rule 2.127(e)(1), 37 C.F.R. § 2.127(e)(1).

When a party timely files a potentially dispositive motion, the proceeding is suspended with respect to all matters not germane to the motion, and no party should file any paper which is not germane to the motion except as otherwise may be specified in a Board order. *See* Trademark Rule 2.127(d), 37 C.F.R. § 2.127(d).

Accordingly, as of the filing date of the motion for summary judgment, proceedings are **suspended** pending disposition of the motion. Any paper filed during the pendency of this motion which is not germane thereto will be given no consideration. *See* Trademark Rule 2.127(d).

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In addition to tolling the time to respond to outstanding discovery requests, suspension of proceedings tolls the time for parties to make required disclosures.

*See* TBMP § 528.03.

The motion for summary judgment will be decided in due course.